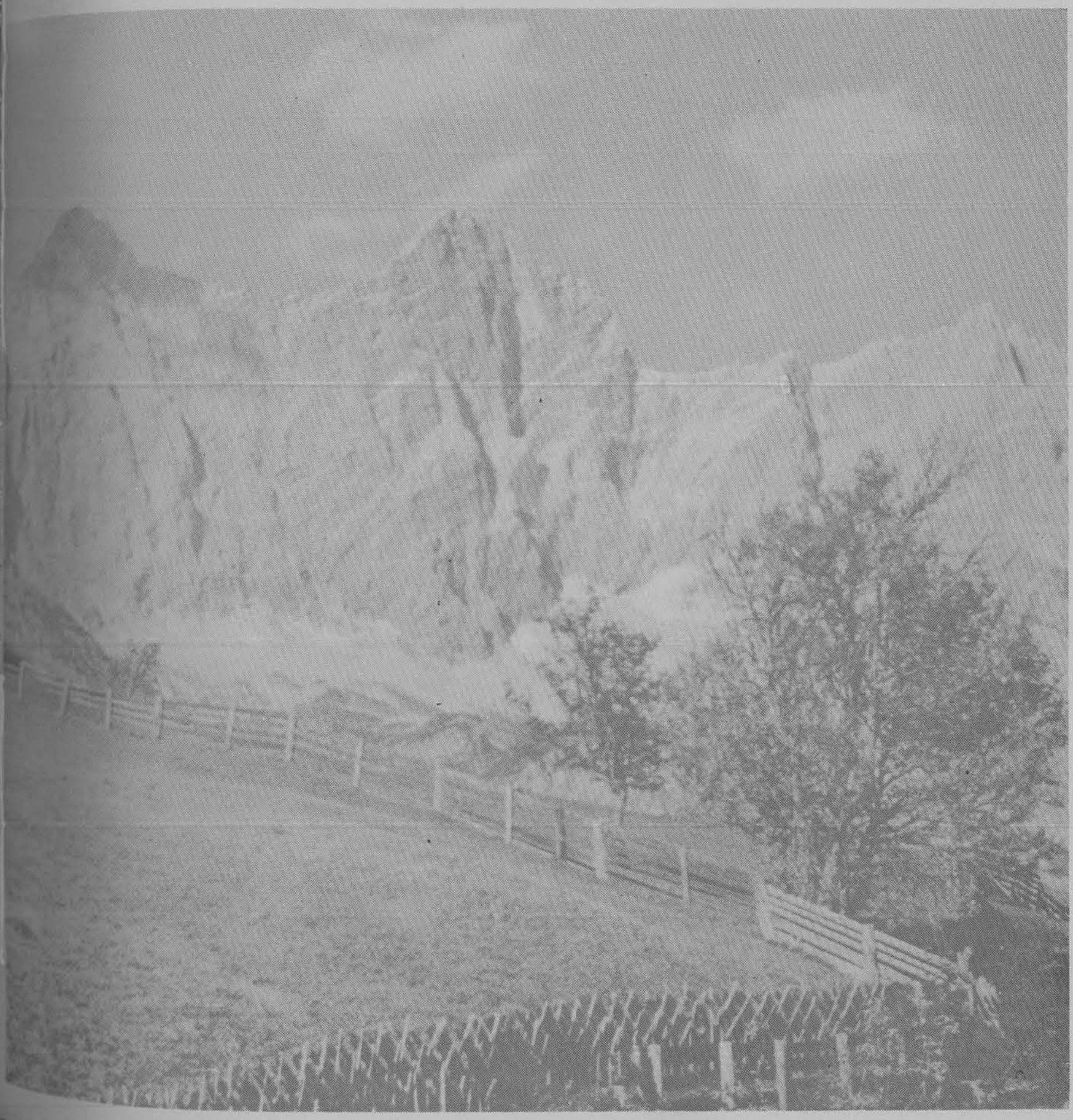
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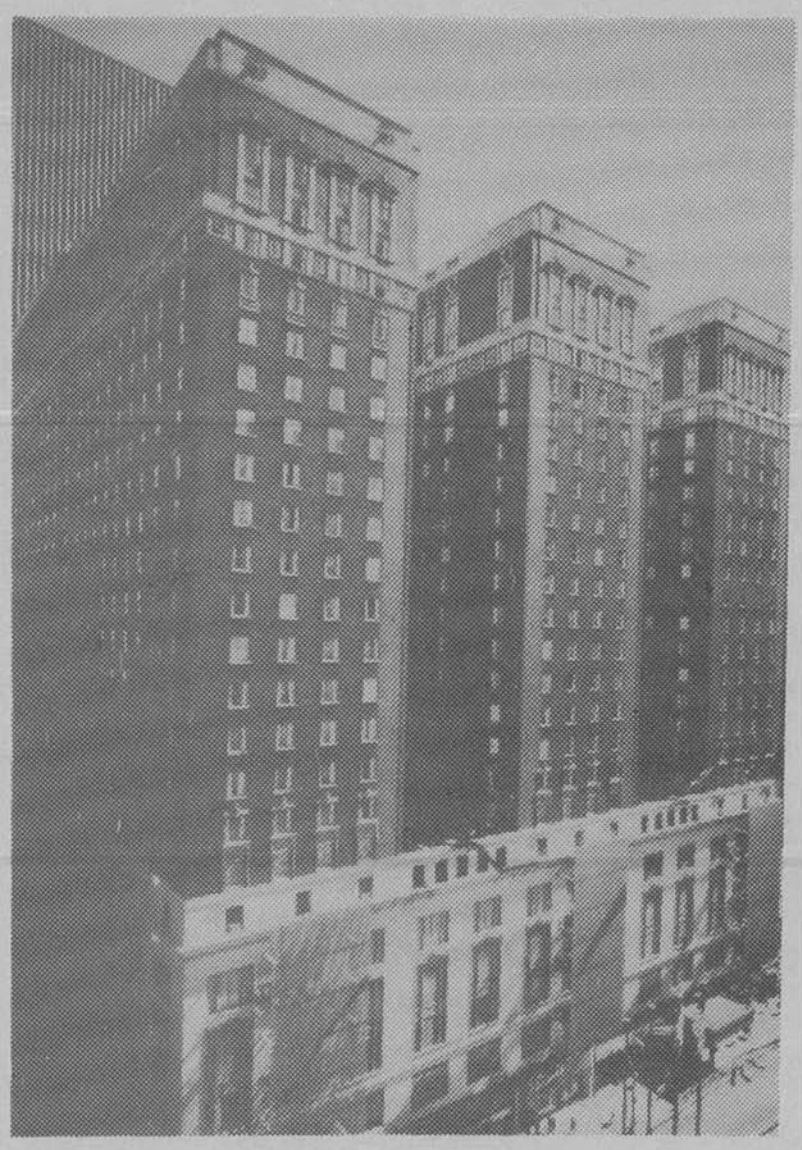
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# President's Annual Report

To the Officers, Trustees and Delegates assembled in the 88th Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, October 7-10, 1980,

Greetings:

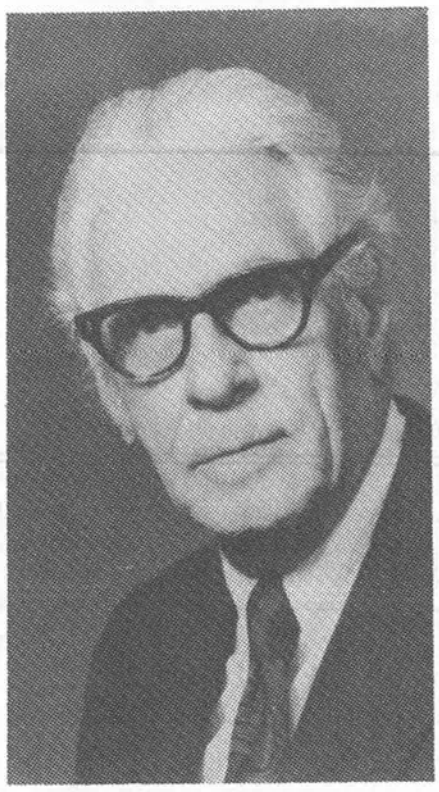
A touch of history is manifested as we gather here for this convention. The National Spiritualist Association was born in this city 87 years ago. We can be proud of our organization so rich in history and heritage.

The development of Spiritualism and the N.S.A.C. over the past 132 years can be divided into two parts - or distinct periods. The first period was the last half of the 19th century when the foundation stones were laid by manifestations and forerunners such as Andrew Jackson Davis. The second period blossomed forth during the first half of the 20th century when the structure of the organized movement was furnished.

Home circles thrived and mediums sprang up like mushrooms. The urging of the spirit forces for an organized movement could have found no better time than during the World's Fair and the World Parliament of Religions. The year 1893 was an outstanding time for the inception of the N.S.A.C.

Among important matters proposed was the protection and defense of mediums - provisions for the aged and indigent Spiritualists - and headquarters for the organization.

Progress has been evidenced in the protection of mediums and ministers. Legislation in various states has been amended to recognize "accredited representatives of a bona fide religion."



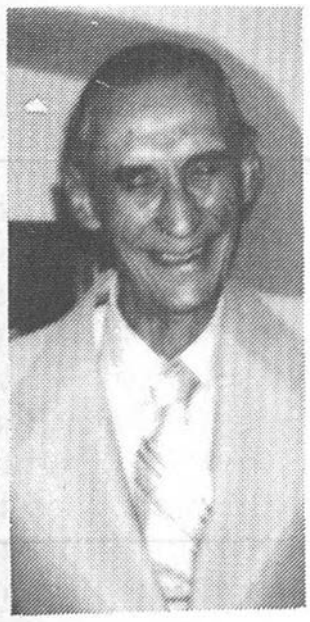
*Joseph H. Merrill, president*

Recently in the state of Connecticut an effort was made by an independent group to repeal Connecticut's General Statutes providing for the right of Spiritualists to practice their faith. The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association, as well as the N.S.A.C. joined the independent Spiritualists and entered objection to changing the statute. The attempted repeal was unsuccessful.

Of course it is important to remember that a medium must be an accredited representative of the bona fide religion of Spiritualism to come under the banner of protection. Non-certified mediums do not come under this category and their only protection is the strength of their churches.

Provision for the aged and indigent Spiritualists was implimented years ago when the Medium's Relief Fund was created from the sale of the headquarters in Washington, D.C. Later the Spiritualist Benevolent Society was incorporated to manage and operate the hotel in Cassadaga, Florida. Inasmuch as the Cassadaga Hotel was not beneficial to the Medium's Relief, it was sold recently. The Benevolent Society will continue to function as an administrator for the Medium's Relief Fund. Interest-bearing Capitol Funds from the hotel sale have been stipulated for that purpose only. It is recommended that the interest from the investments of the Medium's Relief Fund be transferred to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society, Inc. This is for the purpose of unifying the monthly stipend sent to beneficiaries of the Medium's Relief Fund. With the transference of administration it is possible to increase the monthly checks and possibly increase the number of recipients.

It is most regrettable that health problems enter into human lives and bring changes to the organization. For this reason Reverend Edwin Ford has felt it necessary to step aside from his office as treasurer. His resignation was effective July 1st. It was with great reluctance that we accepted the resignation and our prayers go out for his health and welfare. Mr. Ralph D.



*Edwin W. Ford*

*The NSAC official board extends its gratitude and esteem to The Reverend Edwin W. Ford,- retired N. S. A. C. treasurer service - 1971 - 1980. Thanks Ed!*

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Cutlip, Sr., having served as treasurer of the N.S.A.C. from 1965 to 1971, was appointed to act as treasurer pro tem until this convention.

It was a brain child of Mr. Ford's to activate the Honorary Life Membership clause of our By-laws. He was also instrumental in re-activating the Endowment Fund. Since it was Mr. Ford's request to be replaced as Superintendent of the Endowment Fund, the National Board appointed Herbert Schneider - a member of the Endowment Fund Committee.

As Spiritualism becomes more widely accepted by the general public the area of healing is becoming more and more prominent. Orthodox Churches are recognizing and adopting, holistic healing or charismatic healing in their church activities. One area in our Spiritualist healing ministry that has been overlooked is the documentation of results achieved by our accredited healers. It has been suggested but never adopted, that forms be prepared for this purpose. For example, our healers could use it when serious ailments are treated after visits to a physician have failed to bring satisfactory results. These forms could record the visits to a physician - the results of the treatments - the number of visits to a Spiritualist healer and the results of such visits. This would aid in furnishing documentation to those agencies interested in researching "unconventional healing."

This past year we were approached by The Center for Integral Medicine for factual information by individuals on non-traditional treatment techniques or "non-traditional therapeutic modalities used for treating medical and/or psychological problems in human patients." We could contribute to this research venture if we have such documentation as suggested.

A revision of the questionnaires used in examinations has been accomplished. In the spirit of uniformity, State Associations as well as direct chartered churches will use the same questionnaires for examinations.

A suggestion proposed at the recent Lyceum Conference by the Superintendent June Killmer, has merit and could be a policy or a requirement of all N.S.A.C. Churches. The idea is that of having an instruction class for prospective members of a Spiritualist Church. Some may say, "We already have one in our church." That's great for you but many of our churches do not. We realize that there are individual church leaders who may not be qualified by holding certificates. However, if any leader of a church uses the material suggested, namely *The Spiritualist Manual;* Colville's *Catechism; ABC of Spiritualism; Questions and Answers* by Arthur A. Myers; *The Lyceum Manual* and Peggy Barnes' books, a solid indoctrination into Spiritualism will have been accomplished.

In the evolution of mankind and Spirit moving throughout the world, mediumship is following early predictions that Spiritualism would progress from the physical stage to the mental stage. Since everyone is psychic to a degree, people are becoming more and more aware of Parapsychology, ESP, Eckenkar, Scientology and other new thoughts. This awareness now presents a new element of danger especially with the newer and younger mediums. Some messages convey psychic impressions rather than proof of the continuity of life. The mission of the Spiritualist medium is to offer proof of communication between the two realms of life. Basic teachings of Spiritualism are being infiltrated through ignorance or complacency. Hyphenated Spiritualism appears to be moving in. This along with unproven theories, pollute the teachings of Spiritualism. The direction in which Spiritualism will move in the future depends on those of you who are now in a position of leadership. Teach those who come for curiosity or to seek knowledge that Spiritualism is a scientific, philosophical religion based on the demonstrated fact of mediumship.

Let us face the morrow with a re-dedication of the ideals of the Spirit and with the courage to face the problems that lie ahead. Make the dedication that "I can, because I ought, and by God's help, I will."

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Merrill
President

# Personality Profile

*by E. Ruth van Appledorn*

Drive by 29 East Toledo Street at 6 a.m., and you may see a trim, agile man tending his flowers with the zest of a florist. Known by his neighbors and friends as "Bill," Rev. Frederick William Hutchinson is the minister of the First Spiritualist Church, 1414 East Ninth Street, Duluth, Minnesota. To any eager to learn, he would promote understanding throughout his patient guidance and counsel.

On October 10, 1980, Rev. Hutchinson will be a guest speaker at the 88th Annual Convention of the N.S.A.C. held at the Palmer House, Chicago. His topic is "Spiritualism's Aim."

Born in Nottingham, England, July 23, 1910, Rev. Hutchinson was raised and schooled in Canada. For 6 years, beginning in 1938, he was a student in the classes of the Rev. Walter Holder, Victoria, B.C.

Upon earning his N.S.T. Diploma in 1943 and being ordained a minister in 1944, he served for one year as a Canadian missionary in 1945 and two years as Provincial President for British Columbia in 1946 and 1947.

Following an 11-month tour of the United States in 1948, Rev. Hutchinson became pastor of the Second Spiritualist Church, Dallas, Texas, where he again was ordained in 1949. Meanwhile, the elderly minister of Duluth's First Spiritualist Church, Rev. Bessie Magnuson, became ill and a successor was being considered. It was a synchronistic occurrence that a spirit message should urge



"There is a younger man," and Rev. Hutchinson was called to Duluth on the day that he had resigned in Dallas.

One of Rev. Hutchinson's goals upon coming to Duluth, February 1, 1950, was to move his congregation from its basement facility into a new church. Through the manual labor of this new pastor and his parishioners, the dream was realized October 13, 1963. The Duluth church was chartered as an auxiliary of the N.S.A.C. in 1913. On May 25, 1980, in recognition of his 30 years of service, the congregation honored him with a testimonial dinner.

Affability, sincerity, and service have given Rev. Hutchinson a recognition that he has not sought. In addition to his trance mediumship and psychic clairvoyance, he also is recognized nationally as a healer, augmenting medical techniques through faith during his daily 8 a.m. meditation period. He was a message minister at the N.S.A.C. National Convention at Houston, Texas, in 1961. He served on the Minnesota State Spiritualist Association Board of Trustees from 1952 through 1955. His church service was carried over KDAL TV3 (now KDLH). He has been a lecturer/guest speaker at various universities and high schools, as well as over the Cloquet radio station. Persons suffering from chemical dependency are referred both to Rev. Hutchinson and his church. His counseling philosophy is "to take away the doubts and fears that grip anyone in these circumstances."

As teacher/counselor, Rev. Hutchinson conducts classes for spiritual development at his home on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Readings and private consultations are by appointment, and Rev. Hutchinson is a very punctual man. In his own words, with a touch of British accent, he explains that he seeks to promote a greater understanding of religion. "I encourage people to use their own psychic powers as was done in Biblical times. Readings are to help people to grow spiritually and thus to find their own material conditions being solved by themselves. By no means should this be considered as 'fortune-telling,'" he admonished. "It is through Spirit guidance that persons are led into the creation of conditions they want through proper thinking."

When not ministering to others, Rev. Hutchinson reads historical books, appreciates classical music and opera, and enjoys such sports broadcasts as

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# Power of Thought

*by Rev. William Graham Turner*

While the power of thought is important in this material world it is the only power of construction and communication that you have in the next world. This is why it is so important that you try to develop a strong mental power while you are here. For in the spirit world it is your only power for protection or good, therefore, without it you would be at the mercy of all the other people to control your life and expression. In this way you create your mental satisfaction of a home and manner of living. Usually this is similar to the type of home and life you expressed in your earthly existence. However, you can be intruded upon by any forceful individual mind if you have not the mental power to create a strong enough aura of protection around yourself, which can only be done by the power of thought. The only power in the next world is thought - there are no secrets and the physical body is not there to work for the mind - it is completely on its own without a physical shelter. This is truly a testing time for the progress that the soul has made while upon the mortal plane.

Usually after you have passed on you are helped by constructive workers who are as guardians of the astral plane and help you to adjust to your new freedom as well as your new dangers. The more highly developed the intellect the more easily you draw into the completeness of spiritual independence. It is a tremendous experience to be aware of this freedom. Then when you have become attuned to this astral way of existence you review your life with all its mistakes as well as the achievements and pass judgment on how much you have achieved of worth to yourself and humanity. This can be a vibrant shock in itself.

I am reminded of a woman who had a partial experience of this type when she was in a coma induced by ether for an operation. A few weeks prior she had drowned six kittens born to an old cat on their farm, where she lived. At the time it merely seemed she was doing a useful and necessary task. But in this mental analysis she felt the very deep mental torture and pain of the old mother cat as her kittens were destroyed. Proving to us that we do not realize the immense importance of so many of our acts and the distress they cause. We go through conditions of this type many times as we review our lives. Proving also that all things are recorded in thought forms in etherial waves. As this happened to this woman in an ether coma - we experience these sensations even more fully in the astral experience.

Hence, we thereby realize how closely we are tuned to all things that occur in our Universe and have to act very carefully as we create each thought and perform each deed. Even to the animals, the trees, and of course very strongly to all people, thus life is surely a vibrational connection in every sense of the word, whether in the physical or the spirit world.

Our first reaction to all this is sometimes one of horror, but this leads to a true desire to correct the mistakes of our mortal life. We then set about our growth and seek as we can to help the earth world or to become a teacher to bring understanding to those sent to the spirit planes fully unprepared for a future life. However, before we can make any progress we have to have the desire to do so and only then can the leaders help us to achieve this. This study and work enables us to develop our mental power more and more to become stronger in creating our desires in spirit as well as being more capable of serving Universally.

The greatest power in the world is the power of thought. It is a vital spark of Divinity - use it freely, but above all wisely, for it can be your salvation or your destruction in both worlds. The way to develop this power is to use caution in all thoughts that pass through our minds and to spend a certain amount of time in meditation each day to develop this dynamo of power.

**(PROFILE-*continued*)**

golf, bowling, etc. A favorite radio program is the "World of Religion." He is an excellent cook and an immaculate housekeeper. He will prepare the roast turkey for the church's Fall Bazaar, October 30.

The late Mrs. F. W. Hutchinson was a Spiritualist and graduate of the Bradbury School of Music, Duluth. She served for 35 years as the organist of the First Spiritualist Church. The doubtless faith of Rev. Hutchinson was demonstrated by his conducting of her service.

# Liberal Religion

*by Thomas Grimshaw*

*The forties saw a quiet revolt. Church members began to question the words of their priests, who in turn sought greater freedom to provide more relevancy to the world's problems. No subject was considered taboo. Questions were raised about the Bible, the Church, God, Jesus, Heaven and Hell.*

*The Church was under seige. Religious dissidents expected, even demanded solid relationships for statements voiced by the Church. The dictates of a council, any council, orthodox or Catholic, Judaic or Islamic, fell on increasing numbers of deaf ears.*

*Rev. Grimshaw foresaw this situation and in one of his last writings attempted to meet the challenge imposed.*

Tens of thousands of members or ex-members of orthodox Christian churches are drifting closer to Spiritualism. From them come a steady bombardment of questions.

*What does your church believe concerning God?*
*Does it regard the Bible as the expressed truth about Jesus?*
*In what regard does your church hold the Bible?*
*Does it accept vicarious atonement?*
*Is the concerpt of a hell recognized and taught?*

The folks asking these questions were and are anxious to avail themselves of the consolation which Spiritualism offers. Although they seek and smile at the responses received, they remain cold and indifferent to completely discarding old teaching and trading off their childhood church of record for the peace of mind which came with the answers.

A Detroit preacher once told me that he was having independent voices in his home, that the spirits were talking to him and his wife through a trumpet. He said, "I want to know how I can make this thing fit in with my Methodism." My reply failed to relieve the stress he was obviously under: "Brother, it won't fit. Spiritualists are confronted with the task of deciding to compromise with our orthodox friends and lead them to believe they can be Spiritualists and Christians at one and the same time. However, there ought to be just one answer and that is to tell the truth, free of any dilution."

### The Character of Jesus

Just what is the truth of Jesus? In what light shall Spiritualists look upon that character?

Some theologians say he had no real existence in flesh. Others view the evidence as pointing to a man, naturally begotten and finely developed spiritually; a wonderful medium who died a martyr for the truth. A few of these elite scholars regard his footprint upon this globe as the time when the God incarnate touched the Earth. They believe He was the only begotten son of God, born miraculously, and that his death was the Almighty's gift to mankind to save humanity from the consequences of sin. Which concept shall Spiritualists accept?

Fortunately, for many reasons, Spiritualism is the most liberal religion upon the face of the Earth. It permits its votaries to think for themselves. But not without reasonable guidance as some worthy opponents suppose.

Spiritualism does not say you must believe this or that or else you will go to hell. No one is in a position to speak out with absolute authority in our ranks. Nor can any Spiritualist cite another as totally wrong. If anything, a Spiritualist should be a truth lover.

### Secular Evidence

The great Hebrew scholar and historian, Philo, who lived about the time Jesus is said to have lived, makes no mention of any such man. In the writing of Josephus, another Hebrew scholar, we find three passages which have been quoted by Christians as evidence that Jesus was a real person. However, today Hebrew scholars question the passages as forgeries.

Tacitus, who lived during the reign of Trajan, about forty years after the crucifixion, penned remarks which when translated stated that the Christians had their denomination from Christus or Christos who was put to death by Pontius Pilate during the reign of Tiberias.

This scant evidence noted by this single historian represents the strongest support that Jesus actually existed. Support is weakened, however, by the fact that these revealing Annuals of Tacitus were unknown before the 15th century and that history written by the man did not include even a mention of Christos. So our rationalistic friends say that all this *lack of evidence* adduced from secular history remains spurious to the faith.

Lacking other sources we are forced back to the gospel stories for our evidence. But are they reliable? One thing is certain: no one knows who wrote these stories! Jesus wrote nothing, not a single word, unless we accept that which he wrote

in the sand. All we have is what someone else says he said. There is strong presumptive proof, however, that over 2,000 years ago there lived a man who went around Judea preaching, healing the sick and performing what today would be called demonstrations of psychic power.

### Jesus, A Medium

We admit that Jesus lived and was a wonderful medium. But what is our position in reference to the orthodox conception of God incarnate, born without an earthly father?

The only answer we can give, if we are honest, is that, literally, there is no truth in it; as this concept of Jesus is purely imaginary. However, back of this idea of children being heaven born lies a great truth. During gestation the child's life may be overshadowed by spiritual influences. In this sense I believe Jesus was heaven born, as was Buddha, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Paine.

I also believe that spiritual hosts are working over and helping school children in order to spell some truth which will be helpful to mankind.

The scriptures of the Hindus, and of the Persians, and the Egyptians embrace this same idea - the overshadowing of spiritual power. Each of these works address this differently. Call it the Holy Ghost or whatever name you wish. It is this something which impresses and works upon the child even in the embryonic state.

I deplore that we have mediums who claim to be controlled by Jesus. I have talked with intelligences purported to be Jesus and in all cases found that they did not know any more than my friends. I do not now mean to question the honesty of the individuals delivering such reported entities, but such gifts bring ridicule upon their work and the greater cause they represent. Sometimes these individuals dwell upon such thoughts to the point that they become hypnotized into identifying that they are controlled by supreme beings. Other sensitives refuse to accept any control under the status of a Plato. By reference I do not mean to say these spirits are beyond communication with mortals. The probability is certainly against it, though.

### Spiritualism In The Churches

Why is it that so many mediums think they are controlled by John the Baptist or Plato?

Could it be because they have received their instructions in the orthodox belief, and perhaps, carried with them the need of an angelic influence which recalls strong identity with their earlier Biblical teachings? This question remains open to many different answers.

The Spiritualism which I espouse embraces everything good and true in all religions! Our Declaration of Principles is complete. It is subject to revision or addition only in the light of further knowledge, as reason implies. And this is particularly true if we are to be progressive. Theological ties bind. They are equally difficult to sever! I cannot see any surer way to bring destruction upon Spiritualism than to tie it to dogmas of the orthodox church.

I have heard it said that a person could be a Spiritualist and a member of the Baptist or Methodist church. How?

You cannot serve both and be consistent in your belief!

If you are a true and practicing member of either latter faith, you believe in the fall of man and redemption through the blood of Jesus. If you don't, you have dishonored your faith through your consistent patronage! A minister who lacks the conviction of his lectures is doubly guilty, for he is a false servant.

Years ago I became friends with the director of a church board. He was of a different faith. I recall that conversation well, as it demonstrated my faith. "We need a preacher and you, sir, are just the man for the job," he said. The offer was tempting as the church was strong and financially sound. I said, "What religion is it?" "Universalist." "I'm sorry, but the teachings are not broad enough." "But you may preach on any subject and you will find the people friendly and receptive." He was a stubborn man and not one to turn away at the first rejection.

"We can pay $4,000 a year and offer nice living quarters." "Your offer carries much appeal, but I'm a Spiritualist and I preach the gospel in the light of Spiritualism. I'm sorry, but Universalism is not broad enough in scope. I would rather take my soap box and proclaim the truth as I see it than live the grand life."

We talk about Spiritualism dying out because the cream of our workers have left this expression of life. Spiritualism is not a belief hinged upon a few great individuals. It was born in the Spirit World and delivered to this plane that all might learn to know and understand the greatest truth the world has been given.

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# The Link – Physical and Spiritual Aura

*by Rev. Melvena V. Hafner*

At birth each soul receives the breath of God, the touch, which throughout its lifetime will absorb and reflect a particular individuality. The aura. It bears those distinct but unique characteristics across the greatest dimension of life, the transition from the physical to the spirit rebirth.

And what a lifetime! The radiant spark carried the seed of everlasting life and implanted the germ of eternity, which when flung free of physical bounds breathes anew again. The shadow of death causes us to tremble in fear and cling to the last remaining threads of life, however fragile. Somehow, the physical life of our bodies, is taken as different in the fundamental life and death struggle evidenced daily in the unfoldment of nature. Essentially, though the very same factors could rest side-by-side in comparable columns. Too often we elevate ourselves above nature because we are destined to eventually control all that happens. We are but seeds evolving, as is the rest of nature.

From the seed comes the flower. It expresses every quality and physical fact common to its breed and yet under the close eye of the microscope its individuality, its uniqueness, unfolds. Its kind will produce seeds to bring forth more. The soil in one part of the country will alter it. Temperature from one part will add another small change. There are different kinds of sunflowers and each general class stands unique. More so. Each flower of each kind differs ever so small. The length of the stem, the size of the petals, the weight of the pollen or the captivating aroma that entices bees and birds will differ. Just as every hair on your human head is different, yet of the same general class.

The sweet liquor that rises on the currents of air envelops each plant. Man and his aura are partners with the flower, for he, too, shares another body - the aura. It, too, is a product of its growth and conditioning.

To the human eye it is often aloof, caught in a fleeting glimpse in the extreme corner of the eye where shadows, light and darkness roll about together. A few sensitives are born with sight of this remarkable gift from our heavenly Creator. But they too see only that which their particular development allows. Some see only bare outlines of human form moving about. Distinct enough to form a woman, man or child. Others pierce the outer bodies of the aura and observe its colors - the revealing keys to its growth, interests, achievements, and concerns for the damaged and diseased parts of the body. Chemical dyes exist which can help the eye see this aura. These are affixed to plates of glass or special prepared glasses. In a sense, infrared photography reveals images similar to those observed by the highly attuned sensitive.

Since the dawn of Modern Spiritualism, sensitives have spoken of seeing a spiritual aura. Their comments were met with ridicule. Centuries before, the Greeks identified this substance. Strangely enough they were listened to by eager students. Civilization, on the other hand, has muddled our brains and even caused us to doubt that the development of an instrument which, through the application of electric current, allows an outline to be traced where the fingers are no more. A field builds up between the actual physical body and extends beyond it. Dismembered portions of leaves, plants and human bodies contain the same field depth as when the missing tissues were present. In the truest sense of scientific curiosity, Kirlian photography is but an example of first-generation investigation. Others, more detailed in illustrating the aura and its colors will follow in the distant future. Even so, this simple first-generation result brings the reality taught and spoken of through the truth of Modern Spiritualism one step closer.

Man learned to swim by observing fish, to fly by the study of birds and to reach into the boundless dimension of life he must learn to listen and heed the instructions of spirit!

Another truth spoken of in Modern Spiritualism is that every man, woman and child on the face of this world makes his or her own happiness or unhappiness as he or she obeys or disobeys nature's physical and spiritual laws.

Now! Do you understand *why* you carry your own particular aura around? The laws of God are just. For no living mortal do these laws bend! Your very actions throughout life are imparted to this aura. Your aura. You, by acquisition, represent your own judge. The aura is your link, a divine link, which holds you accountable for every deed and action, good, true or false. The soul is the pure essence of the heavens. It wears the cloak of the aura and you bear the responsibility of your decisions, even in the hereafter.

The aura is a duplicate reflection of the

spiritual values added through your physical actions upon the earth plane. So, you carry about your neck the albatross of your deeds, as did the Ancient Mariner. In entering the dimension of the spirit you are your own judge and automatically decree that to which you are entitled! During the passing, the physical death, on the earth plane the type and height in soul valuation is weighed carefully. This, too, as taught in Modern Spiritualism, has for its source the scriptures, "For we shall know as we are known."

Deceit and dishonesty may lie hidden here in the mortal expression of life. Sometimes errors and mistakes escape human knowledge. But the eyes of the human are not those of the spirit!

No soul is eternally lost or condemned forever! For deep within every spirit, whether fast asleep or burning in the hell of its past actions, rest the spark which will, seek harmony and the full gifts of higher spirits that attend to his needs. Some souls emerge from their sleep sooner than others. The individuality of man persists in all things, physical and spiritual.

Choose well the conditions you select to cultivate your life, for a duplicate paints a copy of value in spiritual equivalencies.

The human aura is a magnetic, etheric substance which illuminates and emanates from the physical body. The shades, or colors, in the illumination are governed by the quality of the soul value. If the soul is low, debased and degraded, the illumination that emanates will be dark, muddy and unattractive to those of a higher vibration. If the soul is of a higher developed and progressive type, the illumination will register clear, bright, pastel shades that appeal to the love and beauty of the higher natures of spirit.

Condemn not yourself and may you hear the words, "Well done, oh good and faithful servant" when you enter upon the realm of spirit.

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# An Experience

*Spiritualists are an uncommon group in being able to relate personal accounts of ghostly visits. Among the elite group attesting to a visit, the count is exceptionally high. Those who believe, though lack the power to see or hear or feel are cordial in their acceptance and chance to share a momentary presence with others. In view of this open expression it may seem strange when we say that only an occasional letter bears mention of a ghostly visit. For that reason, we'd like to reprint part of a letter from one of our regular contributors. --TNS*

"We all need that first, genuine experience to convince us that life beyond death is continuous. The shadows, somehow, seem less harsh and more real when the touch comes which cannot be denied. I write this in the hope that others might be more receptive to those who travel the void during the swift moments of passing out of this life and into the next.

"For me, it came from Siggy, my aged, four-foot friend. Sigrid was the name on the paper which carried the pedigree from the American Kennel Club. She was a miniature Pinscher.

"At the time I was in San Francisco and she was back home on the East Coast. When I left I knew that she hadn't been well. So it was definite that a trip to the local Vet was planned during my absence. It was only later that I learned that due to her painful physical condition the doctor had received approval to put Siggy to sleep.

"The time, as it turned out, was within moments of her probable death. About sunset I was sitting in bed reading a book when I felt little Siggy spring against my shoulder. It was her second haven. The touch, the body, recorded another in the long line of frequent incidents. I called out to Siggy because of this, though I couldn't see her. It was all too real. In a flash reason suggested to me what the veternarian must have recommended and done. She licked my ear, I even thought that she barked softly.

"She sprang from my shoulder to the bed. Still I didn't see her. But I could feel her paws pressing downward as she circled in preparation to lie down beside me, as she had done so often in the past.

"I told her I loved her and spoke to her just like I always did back home.

"The next day I learned from my sister, a United Airlines stewardess, the truth.

"The call during her stopover only fueled my love and appreciation that little Siggy cared equally for me as I for her. She had the best of care and according to the Vet, had lived twice her normal life span..."

*by Evelyn McKeever*

# Spiritual Healing

*In response to our request for testimonials of Spirit healing, we publish the following personal experience sent in by Mrs. Jessie Miley.*

Sunday, March 25, 1979, my nephew, niece and I attended the First Church of Spiritual Science, our church home, in Muncie, Indiana.

During the message service, Rev. Virginia Falls, pastor, gave me a message of a passing. I immediately thought of my 87 year-old aunt. Virginia said, "No, this is a young person and it is right here, Jessie." At the time, I couldn't imagine who it was, but did not doubt her, as everything she had ever told me, had come to pass.

After the service we stayed for the church dinner, but didn't stay for the evening student service. We had been home only a short time when a phone call advised us that my nephew's 22 year old daughter Paula, had been killed and her four year old son, Eric, was in an ambulance on his way to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, in very critical condition. At that time we didn't know what had happened.

I called Mrs. Falls immediately at the church and told her of the situation and asked for prayers for little Eric.

We later learned that a man had broken into Paula's home about 1:30 early Sunday morning. He fatally beat Paula Ann with a tire iron, and evidently was afraid Eric could identify him, so he beat him and left him for dead. Hospital x-rays showed severe brain damage as he had nine gashes across his head, a broken collar bone, arm, and contusions over the entire body. The doctors said if he lived through the night, they would perform brain surgery the next day. They waited until Tuesday morning and took more x-rays. The broken collar bone was in place. They *did not* have to do any brain surgery. The doctors were baffled. My nephew told the doctor about calling our minister for healing prayers and the doctor said, "It had to be a miracle. It certainly wasn't medical science as we hadn't touched him."

Today, Eric is talking, has his memory back, and is progressing beautifully. This is quite the opposite from the doctor's prognosis. We know the *miracle* was from God, Spirit, and our healing prayers.

He still needs our prayers as he remembers the sordid details and has spells of depression of missing his mother. His father is wonderful with him. But it is rather hard for a man to hold a job and be both mother and father. He also needs our prayers. The boy's name is Eric Garrett. The grandfather (my nephew) is Fred C. Bicknell and I am Jessie Miley, a great-great-aunt to Eric.

*"As we face each new day's sunrise*
*We'll find, as we climb life's stairs-*
*That we are spiritual beings of God,*
*That he listens and hears our prayers."*

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## SPIRITUAL HEALING REQUEST

(Please Print)

I request Spiritual Healing for: .....

because of the following condition .....

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I will pray with NSAC Prayer Groups - Day ....Night ....

I will send a report of prayer results - Weekly. . .Monthly. . .

Please apply my love offering of .....for needed supplies at Healing Center.

This Spiritual Healing Request made by: .....

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(Your Name)

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(Your Address)

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(Your City, State, and Zip Code)

Mail above to NSAC HEALING CENTER, c-o Miss Catherine Schneider, P. O. Box 6042, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003 and you will receive a "One Each Day" packet. To request information on "How to Form a Spiritual Healing Prayer Group" check here: ☐

Million Dollar

# Endowment

*by Herbert F. Schneider*

It was by deliberate design after careful consideration that your church became affiliated with the N.S.A.C. It is a very particular organization that is prestigious because of its high standards of qualifications for its workers who are expected to teach only proven truths and add to their spiritual knowledge. It is consequently worthy of your support.

You have observed the material progress of other religious organizations with some degree of wonderment. It has most often been the result of promotion and demands upon their adherents. Spiritualists have held themselves in constraint of this method to the extent that they are lacking in material resources.

Spiritualists place their emphasis upon spiritual matters rather than material wealth, however in this day and age we must be aware that money is the lifeblood of material progress. Here and now it is advisable to accomplish a degree of financial accumulation in order that we can sooner achieve greater accomplishment in promulgating the philosophy, science and religion of Spiritualism. The building up of an Endowment Fund is the most practical way of doing it. Dedicated Spiritualists would want to be a party to this growth because we are united in Spirit.

**Endowment Contributors**

The following individuals have displayed their loyalty to the N.S.A.C. by becoming endowment contributors.

**Estelle D. Hobshi, Des Plaines, IL**
**Angelo M. & Mary L. Perazelli, Waterbury, CT**

Make all checks payable to: *N.S.A.C. Endowment.* Endowment Contributor - $25 or more: Honorary Life Member $100 or more. Send your contribution to the National Secretary:
P.O. Box 128 Cassadaga, FL 32706

# It's Our Choice

*by Marian Egner*

What wonders our God has provided us! Just as each person is alike in some respects, so are our surroundings, our material gifts and spiritual needs. We have enough similarities to make us comfortable within our environment, but enough differences to make us individual in our acceptance of our mode of living.

Wherever we roam we find someone who will agree with our thinking. We also find others who disagree. This arrangement provides stimulation of the mind. Man has a choice in his thinking and there is no law prohibiting him from changing his course of thought. One of the greatest gifts from God is the ability to think - to reason. It is up to man to take the time from his race for glory, to give a thought to where he is headed and to readjust his goals.

Everything we see or hear touches some chord of recognition. We feel an interest in the subject and welcome further knowledge or we feel no joy and ignore the subject. But *the choice is ours.*

For the most part we are comfortable with the things we have known from childhood. The food, clothes, housing are all old friends from habit. Some of us will delight in seeking new friends, new places, new ideas; again we have the choice.

Man has learned to adapt his mode of living to his environment for his comfort is his goal. He invents new ways to reach this goal. Perhaps his idea will produce new thoughts for others. Sharing in promoting better ways has made advancement in good living for many.

Too often we take these advantages for granted. We accept them without question, but if God had not given man the faculty of reasoning, there would be very few changes. Man would remain as the beasts.

Let us give thanks every morning for the new day - a clean page on which we may inscribe our joys. Come what may, we will accept and follow through with the help of God who has given us life on this beautiful earth.

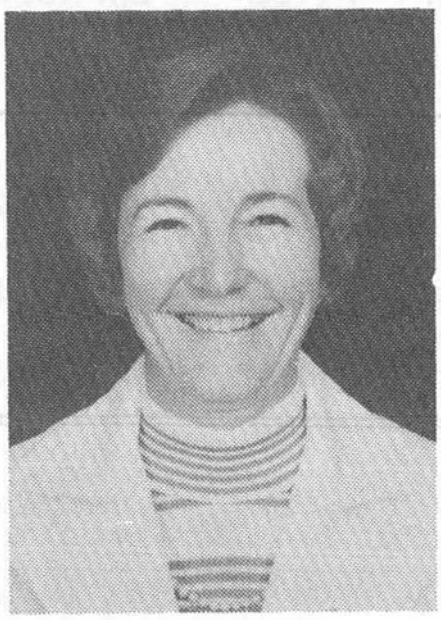
# Secretary's Annual Report

Greetings, officers, delegates, fellow Spiritualists, and friends. At the time of writing this report, it was a warm, rainy day in late July. October and Chicago seemed so far away, that it was tempting to procrastinate, but our very capable editor of *The National Spiritualist*, William Melick, suggested that all manuscripts must be presented at least 60 days before publication. So duty called and the secretary's report was at the top of the priority list.

The Annual Reports, Charter Fees, Per Capita Taxes, and Credential of Delegate Forms have been and continue to take the spotlight for each N.S.A.C. member. Timely filing of these items with the NSAC Secretary, determines the auxiliaries' eligibility to seat delegates at the annual convention.

1. The Annual Reports are required by August 31, each year.
2. The Credential of Delegate Forms for ALL DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, PROXY DELEGATES *must be filed* 20 days prior to the convention.

The secretaries of our auxiliaries have been most effective and prompt during this fiscal year. Most of you earned the "honor roll list" for promptness and effectiveness, so I collectively say, *Thank you one and all for your prompt effort*, it is appreciated. It has been a real pleasure working with each of you.



*Alice M. Hull, secretary*

Catherine Schneider, Chairman Healing Center, Wheeling, West Virginia has and continues to demonstrate a conscientious caring concern for the healing center's activities. Thank you Catherine Schneider for a job very well done. In behalf of the N.S.A.C. Board of Trustees and Ms. Schneider, thank you, one and all for the financial support to the healing center. It is appreciated.

I am sure we all offer special congratulations to our newly ordained ministers, who are:

Newton L. Dyer, New Bedford, MA
Helen W. King, Lily Dale, NY
Lawrence P. McNear, Jr, San Rafael, CA
Mark A. Thompson, Columbus, OH
Frances Vail, Indianapolis, IN

Congratulations also to Lawrence P. McNear, Jr. who earned the NST Degree.

It is with regret that the following charters were returned for cancellation:

First Spiritualist Church, Syracuse, NY
Church of the Spirit NSAC, Arlington, VA

We are indeed pleased to welcome into our association the following new churches, which have been chartered this year:

National Church of Modern Spiritualism, Paterson, NJ
Spiritual Temple of Light, Mt. Gilead, OH
St. Luke Church of Eternal Light NSAC, Harrisburg, PA
The Church of Divine Awareness NSAC, San Angelo, TX

The N.S.A.C. Board of Trustees approved the name change for the following church, and issued a replacement charter accordingly:

Redwood National Spiritualist Church
became
Redwood Church of Spiritual Science NSAC, Redwood, CA.

The N.S.A.C. secretary will be pleased to assist you, if and when you decide to change the name of your church. Any name changes *must be approved by the N.S.A.C. Board of Trustees* before it can be official.

In the 1979 secretary's report, I outlined the N.S.A.C. study requirements for certificates and commissions. As a result, much confusion in this area has been drastically eliminated during this fiscal year. Naturally, newcomers will have questions about certification

from time to time, but an informed membership can be most helpful and effective in this area. During this year the new *N.S.A.C. Handbook* has been printed and is a very important item for any church officer, especially the secretary. It answers frequently asked questions. You cannot afford to be without it. It is available from the book table. Take one home with you. It will save you time, energy, and postage. Thank you for your assistance.

A frequently asked question is: "Who are the N.S.A.C. Examiners?" They are: Joseph H. Merrill, Evelyn Muse and D. Mona Berry. These three individuals are very knowledgeable, prompt, and thorough. They generously donate many hours of their time, energy, and effort to grade the mini course answers and examination answers. These individuals are concerned Spiritualists and get the job done without delays. In behalf of the many students, thank you Mr. Merrill, Mrs. Muse, and Mrs. Berry.

As some of you already know, the time required for your answers to be graded and returned to you varies. At times it seems as if the papers go by air mail while other times it seems as if they travel by mule train. This is not the fault of the examiners. According to a postmark, it has taken up to 30 days for a letter to reach the office. Students please allow 4 to 6 weeks to receive the results of your work. After that time, if you have not heard from the N.S.A.C. Secretary, please write or call the office. I shall be glad to follow up for you. We endeavor to be prompt.

The 1980 N.S.A.C. Year Book was mailed on schedule (January 1, 1980) to each ordained minister and auxiliary secretary. The year book manuscript annually goes to press on November 1. Additions, deletions, or corrections received after November 1 will not appear in the current year book. Please personally check your listing, if there is an omission, or error, carefully print the correction and send it to me. I shall be pleased to work with you to improve the accuracy of the N.S.A.C. Year Book.

The N.S.A.C. Board of Trustees approved the solicitation of individual contributions to help defray the year book expenses. A total of $506.35 was donated to this cause which covered approximately 50% of the actual printing cost.

The following new books are available from the N.S.A.C. office in Florida:

*Mediumship and Its Phases* by King

*Hydesville In History* by Cadwallader

*Anatomy* by Vitello

Cost of shipping has drastically increased in the last few years. Bulk shipments are cheaper. Excess money sent to the N.S.A.C. office for postage and insurance is returned to you in the form of a *credit.* This credit can be used at any time. A credit log is maintained but it is most helpful when you return the credit slip.

The old copy machine got very sick! A new copy machine was purchased and has been a most needed piece of office equipment. It is made by 3M "Secretary II."

The N.S.A.C. Endowment Fund was launched during this fiscal year by the Endowment Fund Superintendent, Edwin W. Ford. The Harmony Chapel Church, Phoenix, Arizona was the first to have a special collection for this important undertaking. Thank you Edwin W. Ford.

The Bank of Lake Helen, Lake Helen, Florida closed during this fiscal year. The N.S.A.C. was paid in full by the FDIC. New accounts were established at another local bank in Deland, Florida. Our newly elected trustee, Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr. was most helpful to the N.S.A.C. Secretary during that period of transition. Thank you Ralph Cutlip.

Edwin W. Ford, Treasurer, resigned effective July 31, 1980 due to declining health. Ralph D. Cutlip was appointed by N.S.A.C. Board of Trustees to serve as Treasurer Pro Tem.

Even though Barbara Smith, N.S.A.C. office assistant, resigned effective December 15, 1979, she continues to donate approximately one day each month to the N.S.A.C. Her assistance is greatly appreciated and helpful in maintaining the efficiency of the office. Thank you Barbara Smith.

David Smalling is now the N.S.A.C. office assistant. I have personally known David since 1972, when he became seriously interested in Spiritualism. Please stop by the book table, introduce yourself, and meet David.

I recommend that consideration be given to washing and painting of the N.S.A.C. Headquarters building in Cassadaga, Florida in the near future. No other repairs are anticipated at this point in time.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. Hull, Secretary

# 26th Annual Lyceum Conference Report

*Mrs. June E. Killmer*
*Superintendent*
*Bureau of Lyceums*



The 26th Annual Lyceum Conference was held in Lily Dale, New York on July 11,12, and 13. A Friendship Hour was held on Thursday night hosted by the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church. They also served coffee and donuts during Registration on Friday morning.

At the Friday morning opening session, a welcome was given by Mr. Robert Sabol, President, Lily Dale Assembly; Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, President, N.S.A.C.; and Mrs. June E. Killmer, Superintendent, Bureau of Lyceums. In addition to the President, four other National Board members were introduced: Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, Rev. William F. Melick, Rev. D. Mona Berry, and Mr. Ralph Cutlip. The Lily Dale Summer Lyceum teachers, Joanne Taft and Sandra Near were introduced. A lovely welcome banner made by this Lyceum hung over the Lyceum Building entrance.

This year's writing contest was opened during the Conference with an announcement of the theme, "The Journey to Immortality."

A drawing was held with all children registered at Conference entered to see who would act as Parade Marshals and carry the Conference Banner. Tom Rivers, age 6, and Willow Rai Taft, age 3½, won the honor.

The morning session continued at the Fox Cottage Memorial site where Mrs. Audra Cutlip, author of the four volumes of *The Pioneers of Modern Spiritualism* gave an interesting demonstration lesson, "Reflecting on our Pioneers."

In the afternoon the children enjoyed a beach party while the adults attended a business session. The Superintendent reported on new Lyceums which have begun this year, Beginner's Kits sent, promotional materials which are being developed, the idea of an Affirmation Class, and efforts to contact the Boy Scouts of America to have a God and Country badge for our religion. In compliance with the recommendations of the Committee on the 1979 Superintendents Report, Mrs. Killmer announced a prize of $5.00 of Lyceum materials of their choice to the B. F. Clark Memorial Lyceum of Indianapolis, Indiana for being the first to submit their annual report. The same prize given to the state submitting the most annual reports will be announced later. Excellent samples of Lyceum projects which had been sent by Jovita Garcia, of the Sun Flower Lyceum of Houston, Texas were shared.

A Barbeque Dinner in the Picnic Pavilion coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bens was enjoyed by all attending. This was followed by entertainment by our Lyceumists and community singing.

Saturday morning started bright and early with a Pancake Breakfast served from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Bens. All children registered at Conference received complimentary Barbeque Dinner and Pancake Breakfast tickets, due to the generosity of the Stow Foundation in their grant to the Lyceum Fund.

A demonstration lesson, "The Beauty of Nature" was led by June Killmer. As the children walked through beautiful Leolyn Woods, they stopped to see and hear nature's signs and sounds and then expressed through written word what they had experienced. The lovely thoughts expressed by these Lyceum children will be published in *The Spotlight*.

The children then had their own session for Spirit Greetings at Inspiration Stump with Mrs. Betty Putnam serving as medium.

The Parade stepped off at 1:00 p.m. directed by Mr. Alvin Gasber. Banners waved as Lyceumists marched through the streets of Lily Dale.

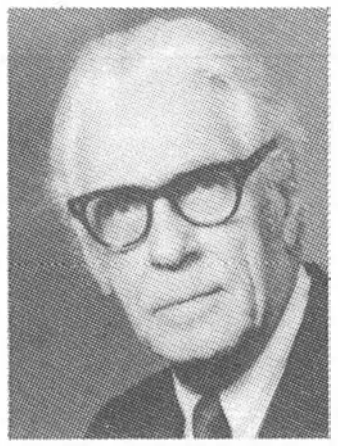
By choice of those assembled, the afternoon session was held after the auditorium service, so as to permit attendance at the auditorium service where Mr. Ronald Spencer, of East Aurora, N.Y., one of our Lyceumists, served as speaker. Following this service an interesting Open Forum on *The Psychic Child* was held. This topic has recently been receiving more attention with printed articles directed to teachers and parents.

Saturday evening found everyone in the auditorium to join in the activities of the County Fair. Mrs. Peggy Spencer again planned and coordinated an evening of fun which

# Officers Whose Terms Expire

*( Three of the offices are for three year terms, while the office of treasurer is an unexpired one year term.)*

### Rev. Joseph H. Merrill
### President



Rev. Merrill was appointed president by the N.S.A.C. board in the spring of 1973 when the Rev. Robert J. Macdonald passed to Spirit. The following October, at the 81st Convention in Los Angeles, he was elected to the unexpired one year term. Since then Mr. Merrill has been re-elected at convention in 1974 at Indianapolis, Indiana and 1977 at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Prior to his election as vice president in 1971, he had served as N.S.A.C. secretary for 10 years.

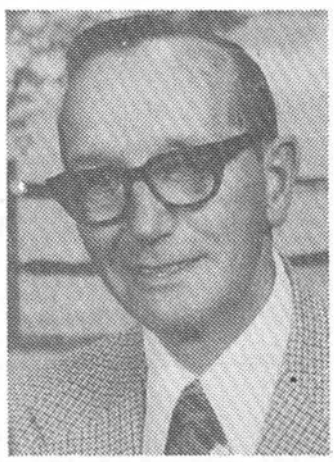
### Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, NST
### Vice-President



Rev. Schoenfeld was elected to the unexpired one year term of vice president in 1973. He was re-elected to the office for a full three years in 1974 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and in 1977 at the convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. He had served as a trustee of the N.S.A.C. since 1963.

Mr. Schoenfeld, pastor of the Church of the Spirit, of Chicago, is also President of Stow Memorial Foundation and Morris Pratt Institute.

### Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr.
### Treasurer



Mr. Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr. was appointed treasurer pro tem by the N.S.A.C. board when Rev. Edwin W. Ford resigned July 1, 1980, due to health obligations. Mr. Cutlip was trustee from 1958-1965; treasurer 1965-1971; secretary 1971-1975. He was elected trustee at the 87th Annual Convention in Indianapolis, in 1979. He is vice president of Stow Memorial Foundation; secretary-treasurer of the Benevolent Society and president of the Ohio State Spiritualist Assoc.

### Rev. Joseph Sax, NST
### Trustee



Rev. Sax was elected to the office of trustee in 1974 at Indianapolis, and was re-elected in 1977 at the convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is currently secretary of the Morris Pratt Institute, education bureau of the N.S.A.C. Mr. Sax has traveled extensively on behalf of the N.S.A.C. to many camps and churches in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, etc. to promote the educational opportunities available to interested Spiritualists.

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benefited our Lyceum Fund.

On Sunday morning a closing business session was held, followed by the regular Lyceum Hour.

As Lyceumists closed their Conference by forming a circle, holding hands and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," they could reflect upon 2½ days spent among friends devoted to strengthening our Lyceum movement.

The Conference voted to hold the 27th Annual Lyceum Conference in Lily Dale, N.Y. on July 10,11,12, 1981.

# "Timely Reflections"

*by Rev. Clyde A. Dibble*



Fellow Spiritualists:

Andrew Jackson Davis was a reformer of his day. It disturbed him to see the old religious methods of memorizing catechism. Much of this still happens today. Ministers and priests talk to me of their concern over wayward youth, whom they insist, "had a good religious education," yet went afoul of man made law - not to mention a higher law.

Just how deep does a good spiritual education have to reach to be effective? Does it only cater to the dogma and ritual, and remind us of the doorway of confession? Does it ever confront the youth with the necessity of personal responsibility - in thought, word and action - to repect the property, rights and life of adults and peers?

Many of the churches in large cities no longer dare to leave their churches open during the weekdays, for fear of theft and vandalism. An even greater crime is the habitual use of drugs by youth in grammar, junior high and senior high schools.

In our recently opened spiritual counselling and meditation center, several parents have come seeking help, as well as some of the young people themselves. A few realize that they are getting in too deep, but admit it is difficult to disregard their peers who urge them to try LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, etc. Some get into these habits, "just for kicks", or a new "high sensation." Some sincerely think they are having a genuine spiritual experience.

I believe fervently in the good, innate, inherent qualities of our young people. Many of them have formed a counter organization called Teen Challenge which does counselling within the same age groups. In many cases they have been successful. In some cases they have been able to turn the youth's thinking into religious concepts. Many are completely sincere in their desire to emulate Jesus for his spiritual life and example, while others seem radical.

I fancy if Andrew Jackson Davis were on the earth plane today, he would be right in the middle of this problem to help youth, society and the future spiritual leadership of the world and Spiritualism. Just as he started the Band of Mercy against cruelty to animals, so today he would join those scientific groups who have found from actual research, the great harm done to the wonderful bodies God and nature have given us. Harm done through the misuse of alcohol and drugs, is not only contrary to religious teachings and the life of Jesus, but very obviously also contrary to natural laws.

Rather than preaching to youth, we should teach them how harmful these stimulants are and how they can enslave the mind and nervous system to ruination.

We can appeal to and teach youth by our own example, and *through a religion supported by observations and demonstrations of science.* We must do it now!

Spiritualism is the greatest scientific religion today, and for the future. The youth must be taught that he has the same kind of spiritual faculties Jesus and other religious leaders had. Then he will not knowingly and deliberately destroy or obstruct his faculties. Rather his heritage of spiritual experiences will be as natural as the rain from heaven.

Many are impatient and want "short cuts" to spiritual unfoldment. Reason tells us that nature works solidly and correctly in a consistent manner; and is not fraught with sudden erratic outbursts. *There is no short cut to God and Spirit through drugs.*

### Reunite

*When the body is wracked with pain*
*And naught their is to gain*
*Death comes as a gift from God*
*To take us back again.*

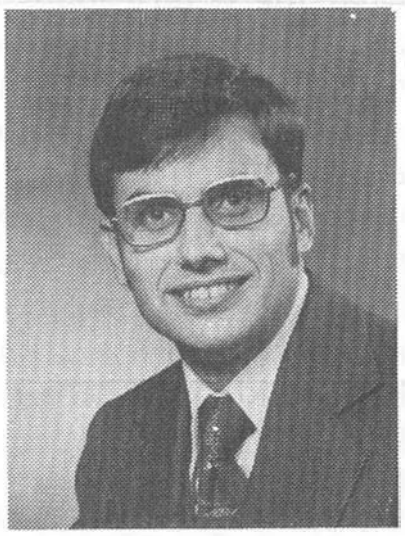
*He sent us here to love and learn*
*And bring feeling back to Him*
*Why do we go so far astray*
*Bringing grief upon us and dismay.*

*I think the time to learn is now*
*And make the contact once again*
*To concentrate upon our brow*
*And hear the voice within.*

*Bertha McNulty*

# It's So Much Easier

*by C. Leslie Brandenburg*



Gramma Moses could paint a scene on canvas and capture the hearts of country folk everywhere. Rockwell had the gift to suspend America's laughter for all to enjoy. The sums their paintings earned speak well of their talent and its recognition. Others have been greater in pure artistic prominence, but what their eyes perceived and hands detailed made them legends in their own time. They probed not the wonders of the world or put man's invisible trust and faith to eye. Yet in their own excellence they achieved greatness on par with that won by Nicholas Roerich, who many regard as the greatest artisan of the brush and canvas in modern times.

Prayers are very much like the works of these skilled artisans. They capture the attention of the high and the low.

Nationality, color, or caste afford no one a greater channel to God's love. And yet this wonderous opportunity goes ignored and remains grossly misunderstood by the many who attest to once having their petition answered. But how can this be. Middle Asia is alive with brush fires. The threat of aggression lies at every front. Children and mothers number among the dead and dying in war-torn lands. The hungry abound to the right and to the left. A close review of these lands and their problems will confuse the issue more, for the loyal and faithful number high in many of these same living graveyards. The obvious is not always clear when the eye examines in great detail. Any reference to the Bible, which says that the proud man shall be abased, would also produce a false understanding in view of these contrasts.

Many facts emerge in the study of prayers, facts which bewilder and confuse. An entire nation may pour out its prayers to spare the life of a leader crippled in battle - only to have their plea go unanswered. Meanwhile, a small boy down the block prays for a bag of marbles, and receives them. The contrast is real and occurs daily. In all probability the lad would have received the marbles whether he had sought divine assistance or not. The national leader had served the necessary tenure and was due his earned grace. The choice to help the boy and remove the native son could just as easily have been more complex. We have no way of fathoming the mind of the Infinite or the logic that decrees that a nation must learn to stand upon its own feet rather than those of a few. These conditions, however, represent mere contrasts, nothing more.

A prayer represents a petition placed before a person or being presumed to be in a position to grant or reward the request. Prayer is not often a plea to God! The rendered request may reach His attention, but when offered it was probably directed to a far lesser being. The *why* to this is apparent when you consider how much easier it is to talk to your father or grandmother. They listen to you. They seem concerned about your needs and hopes. When they depart that same interest will remain to some degree. So, now isn't it equally understandable to see why a young mother might turn her words to the Mother Mary, a mother herself she would better understand a woman's needs and love. The Russian devout pray to Saint Sergius. In Italy to Saint Anthony. Americans, a blend of the world's greatest melting pot of nationalities appeal to a full and varied number of spiritual beings. Some of us even offer love to the elements of nature in hope of a good harvest or safe passage. In fact, it is not uncommon for racing yachtsmen to make sacrifice to Aeolus, the god of the wind, and to Poseidon, the god of the seas. Such offerings are not necessarily made by refugees of a foreign land. Often they are by businessmen off on a sailing holiday. The act is not one of appeasement or insurance, in case! True, some will do it in jest, but more often it is done by serious businessmen. In all religions, appeals are directed to those entities which may be in a better position to render the necessary aid.

Material wants and needs comprise of the dispatched communication sent forth. Who would feel comfortable in asking God to help him convince the boss to grant a raise? Few indeed! It is equally true that Spiritualists, aware of their guides and teachers seek this added source of personal delivery of a petition concerning material wants. And why not. The spirit band which offers its love and binds itself to you will gladly appeal to those higher in the realms of spirit in seeking assistance on your behalf.

The act of prayer is in itself a religious gesture.

To regard it otherwise mars the significance afforded. While rigid and formal laws do not exist which can be printed in quantity and distributed to all, basic guidelines have, over years of practice, emerged which suggest definite do's and don't's. A child, for example, may speak of childish things. An adult, though, may not and expect a sincere reply. In a true sense, prayers must be offered in their proper perspective.

The very nature of the prayer should be weighed. A request which obviously benefits one in the granting at the expense of another will encounter obstacles. The greater the obstacle the less likelihood that the request will materialize. An individual who has earned an opportunity, whether by the right of birth or hours of applied study, can cast his bread upon the waters and accept the roll of the dice or choose to benefit accordingly. Another not entitled must offer more than the desire to be held in the same regard.

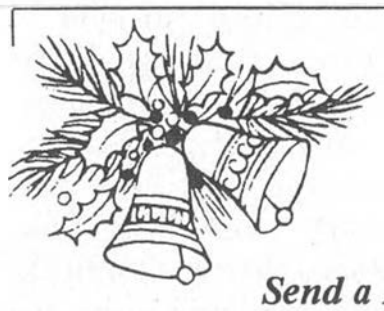
All voices spoken in the name of God are heard. They ride the currents of life and are amplified accordingly to the lack of selfishness and worth. This is how one little boy or girl can reach the heart of God and others filled with hate, lust, greed, though many in number, diminish long before exiting the first spiritual spheres.

A prayer must be felt, believed and left to be channelled unto the hands of those best qualified to judge and grant the request. Hence, the expressions, *So mote it be; unto thee I commend my spirit; thy will be done.* A man of insincere character can attract the attention of a spiritual patron if his plea be genuine.

A prayer is first and foremost the payment of tribute. It is a tribute of respect and trust. But since this prayer will be weighed by an entity perhaps totally oblivious to our needs or daily concerns, it must of itself be all things deemed valuable by the listener. The words must pour from the heart and mind as well as the lips. Each word spoken will be colored according to the truth felt in the heart. Each word will bear the certain degree of significance, for or against the actual granting. A comparable situation is found among some of the old television talent scout shows, where the response of the audience determines success. A prayer must be fair and just in every way. The prayer must be accompanied by mental and physical action which clearly establishes that the desire behind the petition was not of momentary consideration. A sincere effort, in other words, must follow. This may be as simple as taking the necessary courses to earn a doctorate in school. It could be a job. When a material request is accepted a partnership is formed. The spirit helper who intercedes will expect his new partner to perform his part. The degree of the effort will be matched. A mortal petitioning his God is not expected to do what the body cannot, but some sacrifice in time can be rendered. A prayer of one minute will register the value of one minute. But one minute every day adds up to precious consideration. When a special time is agreed to by the petitioner, then, regardless of the inconvenience, that same time should be given over to pray for this request.

At no time can you disregard the definition of a prayer. It is the acknowledgment of a Superior Being and the offering or words rendered to that Being indicate the value and trust you have in His power. To pay tribute in jest, repeating phases which, in your brain, hold no measure of worth, will register as an insult to the very being you have called. He who prays, opens the last corridor of hope. Within this corridor lies knowledge beyond his understanding and somewhere along its path a being who may decide to assist in granting the request. It is wise to be humble when you approach this last court of justice. God is all too often turned to as the last resort, the last chance. And perhaps this is also one of the reasons why He grants so few prayers.

***Should a brother you spoke to little in life come at the first call? And what of a God who has never been called?***

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# NOTES from the FIELD

### Smith - McKnight Wedding

The marriage of Oliver H. Smith, and Hannalore McKnight of East Hampton, Long Island, was held August 4th in Lily Dale, New York. The home of Rev. William G. Turner served as the setting for this happy occasion. The house was filled with roses and gladiolas, as well as lovely music for the many guests who attended. Rev. Turner was proud to perform the ceremony since he had predicted the marriage six years prior.

### Spiritualist Memorabilia Presented

Rev. William G. Turner, Lily Dale, New York, was recently presented with the famous pillow table that John Slater, one of America's greatest mediums and psychics, used when he did billet reading at Lily Dale. The table was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Turnpin of Cassadaga, Florida, and Lily Dale, New York. Rev. Turner will retain the cherished table, until hopefully, a special museum for Spiritualist memorabilia becomes a reality.

### Moved

Bob and Peg Loder have moved to Tucson, Arizona. Both are N.S.A.C. certified mediums serving churches in many areas of the U.S. Mr. Loder was president of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church for four years, while Peg was Lyceum director. Under their capable direction classes were available for all ages. Each year the children completely conducted the services on their special *church day*. Their new address is:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loder
Princeton Court
38 West Prince Road - SP50
Tucson, Arizona 85705

### Arizona Church Doubly Honored

Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C., Phoenix, Arizona was honored Sunday, August 17th at both services by guest-minister Henrietta Reed of Indianapolis. Mrs. Reed gave the address and spirit greetings at the morning service; the speaker in the evening was Ms. Delores Ray, with Mrs. Reed again serving as message minister.

The Rev. Edwin W. Ford, church pastor, conducted the evening service which included a double-christening service. This was the first double-christening service ever held in the church.

A six-day-old infant boy, Mrs. Reed's eleventh great-grandchild, and his three-year-old sister were christened. Courtney James Hamrick was held in the arms of his mother, Mary Etta Hamrick and he received white carnations. Elizabeth Marie Hamrick was held in the arms of her godmother Melvina Conley and received red carnations. The godparents are Richard and Melvina Conley and Gordon and Pam Quinn.



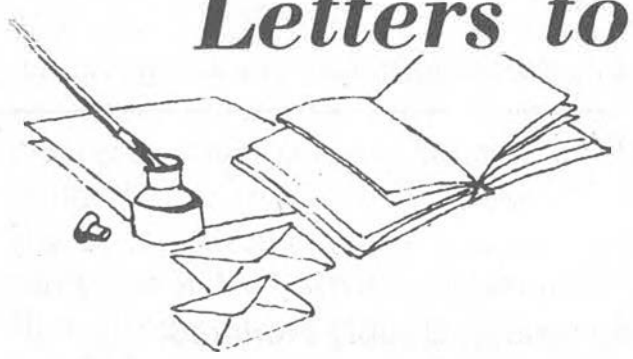
Rev. David Burr, Rev. Barbara Thurman, Rev. Julia Burr

### Two Golden Gate Ordinations

On November 25, 1979, Barbara Thurman received her ordination at the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco. The Rev. Connie Smith officiated the service.

The Rev. David Burr officiated the ordination for his wife, Julia Burr on December 16, 1979. After both ceremonies, all members and visitors were invited for refreshments.

# Letters to TNS



Recently I saw an article in another publication which depicted our beautiful religion with a discriminatory bias by spelling Spiritualism in lower case "*s*". Never see major religions referred to thusly: catholic, baptist, etc.

Earnestly enlist your help in rectifying this affront by printing this letter in ***The Summit***, as I am positive it detracts from our public image and aspect as a recognized religion.

***Viva Spiritualism - the light of my world!***

Anna A. Parks
Florida

*God is Spirit: and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

*John 4:24*

### Spirit Communion Is Divine

*When I'm gone do not mourn for me,*
*Because from pain I shall be free.*
*And I shall be with loved ones there*
*And their presence share.*

*When I am gone let no one weep,*
*Thinking I'm sleeping my long sleep,*
*For when my flight from earth I take*
*In spirit I will be awake.*

*And I will be home above,*
*With those I know and truly love,*
*And those I love and leave down here,*
*Will come and join me in that sphere.*

*For years fast fleeting one by one*
*Will haste the time when they will come,*
*And then together we will be*
*From pain and sorrow all made free.*

*You ask me, this truth I know,*
*My angel parents told me so,*
*They speak the truth they always do,*
*And what they say I know is true.*

*E. W. Sprague*

# Transitions

**Allen, Carrie V.,** 80 years old, of Bell Nursing Home, formerly of North Wabash Street, Wheeling, West Virginia, passed on to the higher life on July 15, 1980. She was a member of Way Memorial Church and served for many years as a medium. She was preceded to spirit in 1974 by her husband, Fred Allen. Survivors include one daughter, Matilda Stevenson of Canton, Ohio; three sons, Guy P., Philadelphia, Carl D., Elm Grove, W.Va., and Glenn of Wheeling.

**Gleiser, Rev. Lillian M.,** Jackson, Michigan, passed to Spirit on July 3, 1980 in Hammond, Indiana. Funeral services were held in Jackson with the Rev. Norma R. McDerment officiating. Rev. Gleiser is survived by two brothers, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren; as well as many, many friends. Since 1973 she served as Pastor of the Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church, Leslie, Michigan; a position she held at the time of her passing. An avid worker for the cause of Spiritualism, she also served as a trustee on the board of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches. Rev. Gleiser's physical presence will be greatly missed, but we will continue to grow from her spiritual guidance.

**Grissom, Mrs. Nellie,** age 69, Kansas City, Missouri, made the transition on July 26, 1980. She was a 30 year member of the Ninth Spiritualist Church of Kansas City, and was an N.S.A.C. certified medium. She is survived by her husband, Harry Grissom, also an active member of the church; two sons, Harry Grissom, Jr. and Bobby Grissom; a daughter, Mrs. Annie White; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

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## A Message

*In silence sit,*
*With reverence wait,*
*Soon the angels*
*Will open the gate.*

*A messenger appears*
*In the form of a dove*
*And dispelling fears,*
*Sings of unbroken love.*

*The gate is open,*
*A wise one is near*
*A truth is spoken*
*For all to hear.*

*"Though life seems fleeting,*
*Its the illusion of time*
*For life is eternal,*
*Your's . . . . like mine."*

*John De Ambrogio*


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1707 S. Vermont Ave. 90006; Service, Sun. 2:30 p.m., President & Pastor, Rev. Paul D. Wilson; Sec'y. Katharine F. Tobey- address as above. (213) 731-0369.

**LOS ANGELES—Westlake Spiritualist Church,**
1722 W. Santa Barbara Ave. Services Sun. & Wed. 7:00 p.m., Pastor, Rev. Irene Wood, 9420 C. San Carlos Ave., South Gate, 90280; Secretary, Lillian M. Jeffs, 5371 Aldrich Rd., South Gate, 90280, (213) 566-8647.

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD-Spiritualist Fellowship**
**Chapel,** 12128 Vanowen St., 91605. Mail to P.O. Box 3322, Van Nuys, 91407. Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. Pres. Sondra D. Steger, 22538 Vanowen St., Canoga Park, 91307; Sec'y. Ethel Whitehouse, 7322 Cantaloupe Ave, Van Nuys, 91405; 782-1284.

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD-Valley Spiritualist Center**
**of Friendship,** 12128 Vanowen St. 91605. Sun. Serv. 8:00 p.m., Thurs. 8:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Frances Scher, 5100 Woodman Ave. No. 4 Sherman Oaks, 91423. Pres. Loll Washburn; Sec'y. Lyda Cotton, 13101 Riverside Dr., Sherman Oaks, 91423 (213) 788-6238.

**REDWOOD CITY-Redwood Church of Spiritual**
**Science, NSAC,** 149 Clinton St., Sun. 11:00 a.m., Pastor, Rev. Clyde A. Dibble, 1260 Drake Ave., Burlingame, 94010; Sec'y. Leonard Peterson, 702 Laurelwood Dr., San Mateo, 94403 (415) 341-3688. Adult Lyceum Sun. 10:00 a.m.

**SAN ANSELMO-Serenity Spiritualist**
**Association** American Legion Log Cabin. Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Pres. Richard P. Goodwin. (Church address for mailing) Sec'y. Mrs. Pauline Leonard, 322 Upper Rd., San Rafael, 94903. (415) 472-3633.

**SAN BERNARDINO-Temple of Spiritual**
**Truth, N.S.A.C.** 732 N. Sierra Way, Sun. Healing 10:30 a.m. Serv. 11:00 a.m. Pres. Boyd Robbins; Pastor Rev. Lillian Greer; all mail to P.O. 1435, 92402.

**SAN BERNARDINO-Valley Spiritualist**
**Church,** 1140 W. Mill St., 92410, Sunday Serv. and Children's Lyceum, 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Adult Lyceum 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Anna Franz, 353 W. "E" St., Colton, 92324; Pres. John Meyer; Sec'y. William Eastman, 1240 Colton Ave., Colton, 92324, (714) 825-2094.

**SAN DIEGO-Progressive Spiritualist Church,**
4144 Campus Ave. Sun. 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Gladys Boland, 4439 North, 92116; Sec'y. Arthur Willis, 640 Overlook Dr. Escondido, 92027, (714) 743-0964.

**SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist**
**Church,** 1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of Clay). Lyceum, Sun. 11:00 a.m., Healing 6:00 p.m., Service 6:30 p.m., Wed. Healing, 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m.. (415) 855-9976.

**SAN FRANCISCO-First Spiritualist Temple,**
3324 17th St., 94110. Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m.; message serv. 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Pres. Milton W. Monroe; Pastor & Sec'y. Rev. Alfred A. Conner, 3324 17th St. 94110. (415) 621-0491.

**SAN FRANCISCO-First Temple of Spiritualism,**
3324 17th St., Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m.; classes 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 p.m. Pastor & Sec'y. Rev. Lawrence P. McNear, Jr., 3324 17th St. 94110, (415) 453-5911.

**SAN JOSE-The Spiritual Science of Life**
**Church,** 157 N. Fourth St., Services Sunday 7:30 p.m. Norman W. Hassinger, B.A., L.M., 615 Hamilton Lane, Santa Clara, 95051, Sec. Barbara A. Swan, 3281 Tully Rd., San Jose, 95122. 238-2610. President, 248-4279.

**SAN LEANDRO-The Church of Two Worlds,**
**N.S.A.C.,** 660 Broadmoor Blvd., 94577, Rev. Connie C. Smith, NST, Pastor, 660 Broadmoor Blvd. Cedric B. Sutherland, Sec'y. Serv. Sun. 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (415) 568-3846.

**SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of The**
**Comforter,** 1028 Garden St. 93101, Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. Wed. 7:00 p.m. Healing and message serv. Pastor, Rev. Edmond Foard; Mrs. Evelyn Cheaverine, Asst. Pastor; Pres. Florence Atherton, 1212 Punta Gorda 93101. 965-2138; Sec'y. Rosemary DeMarco, 312 Coronado, Goleta, 93017, 685-2650.

## COLORADO

**CENTENNIAL STATE SPIRITUALIST**
**ASSOCIATION-** Pres. Rev. Robert Haskins, 2810 S. Cherokee, Englewood, 80110; Sec'y. Sandra Green, 2788 S. King, Denver, 80219.

**DENVER-The Temple of Harmony Church,**
3375 S. Dahlia St. 80222. Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Robert Haskins, 2810 S. Cherokee, Englewood, 80110; Sec'y. Joseph Phelps, 10683 Lincoln, Northglenn, 80233, 457-0212.

## CONNECTICUT

**CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST**
**ASSOCIATION-** Pres. Mr. Francis D. Owens, 783 Terryville Ave., Bristol, 06010; Sec'y. Mary Ann Noddin. 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (203) 582-7385; Lyceum - James Johnson Jr. 278 Niantic River Rd., Waterford, 06385.

**NEW LONDON-New London Spiritualist**
**Temple Inc.** Union Lodge, 7 Union St. Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Pastor Rev. Henrietta Cox; Pres. Mr. Al Ferency, PO Box 294, Gales Ferry, 06335; Sec'y. Shirley Moffet, 17 Washington Dr., Gales Ferry, 06335, (203) 464-6609.

**NORWICH-National Spiritualist Church,**
29 Park St., 06360. Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mr. Gerard O. Morin. RFD 1 Fitchville, 06334; Sec'y. Mrs. G. Odom, 9 Bishop Rd, Fitchville, 06334, (203) 887-6108; Lyceum Sun. 10:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sun.

**OLD GREENWICH-Albertson Memorial**
**Church,** 293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870. Sun. Serv. 11 a.m. Pastor Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Sec'y. George A. Bailey, 130 Rowayton Ave., Rowayton, 06853. (203) 853-0202; 866-1113.

**STRATFORD-The Temple of Divine Truth,**
**Inc. N.S.A.C.** Old Homestead, Old Putney Rd. Serv. 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat. Sept. thru June. Pres. John J. Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave. Norwalk, 06854, (203) 866-0663; Sec'y. Helen C. Puglia, 30 Edison St., 06497.

**WILLIMANTIC-The First Society of**
**Spiritualists, N.S.A.C.** 268 High St. 06226. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Pres., Michael Caro, 182B Bayview Ave., Mystic, 06355; 536-0306; Sec'y. Lillian S. Cady, RFD 2, Lebanon, 06249, 228-9013.

## DELAWARE

**NEWARK-Spiritualist Church of Fellowship,**
420 Willa Dr., 19713, Sunday Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. Class 8:00 p.m., Rev. G. Mancuso, Pastor. 109 Kingswood Rd., 19713. (302) 737-8180.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**WASHINGTON—Church of Two Worlds,**
3038 "Q" St., N.W. Georgetown, 20007. Sun. Healing Serv. 2:00 p.m. Lecture & Messages, 2:30 p.m. Pres. Miss Kathryn Irwin, 301 Aspen St., Apt 103, N.W. 20008; Sec'y. Joan Bullock, 2800 Quebec St. Apt 722, 20008, (202) 537-0360.

## FLORIDA

**CASSADAGA-First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga,** Serv. in auditorium, P.O.Box 75, 32706. Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Spirit Messages. Pres. James Buchanan, P.O.Box 4, 32706; Sec'y. Gladys E. Reid, P.O. Box 75, 32706, (904) 228-3740.

**MIAMI—Metaphysical Science Church, N.S.A.C.,**
601 S.W. 7th St. Sun. Healing 3:00 p.m., Worship and message 3:30 p.m. All-message Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Bernard L. Cusmano, Pastor. (305) 279-6592.

**ST. PETERSBURG—Church of Spiritual Philosophy, N.S.A.C.** 216 19th Ave., S.E., 33705, Ser. Sun. 11:00 a.m., Mrs. Earnly Panton, Pres.; Jean B. Bomont, Sec.; 625-66 Ave. So., 33705. (813) 867-6940.

**WINTER PARK-Spiritualist Church of Awareness,** 863 S. Orlando Ave. 32789, Services Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m. Healing, lecture, messages all services. Pres. James McConnell, PO Box 157, St. Cloud, 32769; Sec'y. Diane Joyner, PO Box 6924, Orlando, 32853, (305) 425-1932.

## ILLINOIS

**ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,**
Mr. Bernard B. Powell, Pres. 4118 W. 24th Pl, Chicago, 60623.

**AURORA-Christabelle Spiritualist Church,**
East Room of Masonic Temple, 104 S. Lincoln Ave. Ent. So. Door. Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m. Vice Pres. Mrs. Katherine Pettenger, 607 E. 9th St., Lockport, 60441. Sec'y. Anne Saxon, 1312 E. Division St., Lockport, 60441. (815) 838-6961.

**BURNHAM-Puritan Spiritualist Church,**
13906 Greenbay Ave. 60633. Ser. Sun. 2:30 p.m. & Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Pastor Anna Gross; Pres. Janet Schroeder, 14644 Avers Ave, Midlothian, 60445; Sec'y. Ione Cooper, 14311 Greenwood Rd., Dolton, 60419.

**CHICAGO-The Church of the Spirit,**
2651 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago's oldest Spiritualist Church. Sun. Family Worship Hour 10:30 a.m., Wed. All message serv. 7:45 p.m. Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, Pastor; Sec'y. Mrs. Elvira Schoenfeld, 3501 Shakespeare Ave.60647. (312) 235-2911.

**CHICAGO-Spiritualist Church of Truth,**
4240 W. Irving Park Road. Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m., Pres. Mrs. Ellen Pfursich, P.O. Box 244, Wauconda, 60084. Sec'y. Mrs. Anna Habenicht, 5925 W. Bryn Maur, 60646.

**CHICAGO-Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,** 6146 Ashland, 60636. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. First Sun. of each month, Communion Serv. Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 Ashland, 60636; Sec'y. Ruby McNeely, 7742 S. Shore Dr., 60649, (312) 374-7345.

**CICERO-First Spiritualist Church,**
5033 W. 25th Place, 60650. Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages, & Healing. Ellen Stopa, Pres. & Pastor, 5033 W. 25th Place, 60650, Sec'y. Joseph A. Stopa, (312) 652-6953.

**ELGIN-First Spiritualist Church,**
77 Villa St., 60120. Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m. Healing, lecture, and messages. Pres. Helen Hoffman, (312) 741-7085; Sec'y. Clara Welch, 624 Walnut Ave., 60120, (312) 741-7158.

**FREEPORT-N.S.A.C. Chapel of Prayer,**
Leona M. Nickel, Pres. & Pastor, Healing & unfoldment class work, first Wed. each month 7:00 p.m. For info. (815) 232-1629.

**GRANITE CITY-United Spiritualist Church,**
3620 Lake Dr., Mailing Address 3800 "B" St. 62040. Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Pastor, Lucille Roberts, 83 Kaseyburg Pk. 62040; Sec'y., Dolores Grieve, 518 Penn. St. Belleville, 62223. 931-4953.

**LE ROY-J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Memorial Spiritualist Church,** 102 S. Pearl St., Sun. Lyceum School 12:30 p.m. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St., 61752; Pres. F. Marion Phillips; Sec'y., Elsie L. Phillips, 501 W. Cedar, 61752. (309) 962-8171.

## INDIANA

**INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,** Rev. William F. Melick, Pres. 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, 46220. Sec'y. Doris Copeland, RR 6 Box 183, Greenfield, 46140, (317) 326-2523.

**EVANSVILLE—Union Spiritualist Church,**
Cor. 3rd Ave. & W. Michigan St., Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Pres. Lucille Temme Burke, 2525 Vista View Dr. 47711; Sec'y. Gilbert C. Burke, (812) 477-7879.

**FORT WAYNE-Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,** 1615 Wells St., P.O. Box 8151 Station B. 46808. Sun. serv. 6:00 and 7:45 p.m., Thurs., 7:45 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sun. of month, Sept. thru May, 3:00 p.m. Rev. Bernice Brock, Pastor, 1604 Andrews St. 46808. (219) 743-9866. Lois Gerner, Sec'y. P.O. Box 8151. (219) 422-8600. Lyceum, Classes for all ages. 10:00 a.m. each Sun.

**FRANKFORT-First Spiritualist Church of Frankfort, Inc.,** Magnolia & Green Sts. Ser. each Sun., Lyceum 1:00 p.m. Church ser. 2:30 p.m. First and Third Sun. each month, Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Message Circle 6:00 p.m. Pastor Rev. Geneva Carter; Pres. Billy Joe Gregory; Sec.-Treas. Ronald M. Lewis, 801 S. Cooper St., Kokomo, IN. 46901. (317) 452-7141.

**GARY-First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,**
**N.S.A.C.,** 2430 W. 11th Ave., Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m., Pastor Rev. Velma Dickson; Pres. Jesse James Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania Ave.; Sec'y. Cleo Preskowitz, 656 Sheffield Ave., Valparaiso, 46383, (219) 462-0827.

**HAMMOND-First Progressive Spiritualist Church Inc.** 6928 Alabama Ave., Pastor William A. Schaller, 1518 - 173 Pl. 46324; Sec'y. Mrs. Jean Fleener, 6928 Alabama Ave., 46323. (219) 845-2310.

**INDIANAPOLIS-Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, Inc.** 1415 Central Ave., Sun. Serv. Philosophy Class 6:00 p.m., Healing 7:00 p.m., Church Ser. 7:30. Tues. Message Ser. 2:00 p.m.; Thurs. Ser. 7:30 p.m. Pres. Glenna Clark (317) 634-6673; Sec'y. Ruby J. Melick, 1802 E. 66th St., 46220.

**INDIANAPOLIS-Progressive Spiritualist Church,** 6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220. Serv. Sun. "Psychic Tea" 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Reg. Serv. 3:00 p.m. Pres. Paul E. Keller, RR 1 Box 214B, Camby, (317) 831-2499; Sec'y. Willie Kersey, RR 1 Box 172K, Pittsboro, 46167 (317) 892-4889.

**MICHIGAN CITY—First Spiritualist Church,**
220 W. 10th St., Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m., Rev. Amelia Hullinger, Pastor, 220 W. 10th, 46360, (219) 872-1618; Sec'y. Jeanne Leggett, 216 Pine Tree Ctr. 46360, (219) 879-8862.

**MUNCIE—First Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC,**
Cor. of Ninth and Mulberry. Sun. Healing Ser. 2:30 p.m., Church Ser. 2:45 p.m. Last Sunday of Month: Dinner, 5:00 p.m., followed by Student Ser., 6:15 p.m., Unfoldment classes, Tues., 8:00 p.m., Muncie; Chesterfield, Fri., 8:00 p.m., Rev. Virginia Falls, Pastor; Rev. Lee Bridges, Ass't. Pastor; Geraldine Bridges, Sec'y., 2805 Sunnyside, New Castle, 47362.

**PERU-First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church,** 62 S. Miami St., 46970. Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m. Pres. Gladys B. Madeira, 330 E. Sheridan Dr., Wabash 46992, (219) 563-7697; Sec'y-Trea. Virginia E. Hoover, 504 Tanguy St., Logansport, 46947 (219) 732-0270.

## IOWA

**CLINTON-First Spiritualist Church**
541 6th Ave. So. 52732. Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Lyceum Sat. 7:30 p.m. Pres. Edward E. Ridyard; Sec'y. May Ridyard, 1249 15th Ave. So. 52732 (319) 242-0462.

**DAVENPORT—Spiritualist Harmony Church,**
1502 W. 7th St., 52802. (319) 324-9659. Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m., Pastor, Wm. E. Buchholz, Jr. 421 E. 10th St.; Sec'y. Anita Buchholz (319) 326-3453.

**GRIMES-Third N.S.A.C. Church,**
631 S. Ewing St., 50111, Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Class Mon. 7:00 p.m., Pastor, Rev. Janice Rosalia Baynes, (515) 986-4289; Pres. Si Baynes Jr., 1865 Apple Blossom Crt, Floressant, Mo. 63031; Sec'y. Lillian Grief, Mercer, Mo. 64661.

## MAINE

**MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES,** President, Vernon Herschell, P.O. Box 44, Etna, 04430. Treas. Bernard R. Langley, RR 4 Box 88A L 17, Auburn, 04210. Sec'y. Florence C. Langley, same address.

**AUGUSTA-Augusta Spiritualist Church,**
Corner of Perham and Court St., Serv. 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Sun. Pres. Mrs. Blanche Taylor, Wayne Rd, Winthrop, 04364 (207) 377-6782; Pastor, W. R. Ellis; Sec'y. Mabel Gregoire, 30 Avelon St., So. Portland, 797-7857.

**DOVER-FOXCROFT-First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church,** Universalist Church, Pleasant St., 04426. Serv. every Sun. in April & Oct. 2:30 & 7:00 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Gladys B. Dickison, Sangerville, 04479; Sec'y. Myra L. Burgess, RFD 2 Box 145, Thayer Parkway, 04426 (207) 564-2837.

**ETNA-The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church,** Sun. 2:30 p.m. May-Sept. only. Pres. Robert Patten, 167 Falvey St., Bangor, 04401; Sec'y. Wilson Gilman, Etna, 04434; Lyceum Drtr Joan Mayo.

**NORTHPORT-Temple Heights Spiritual Corp. (Camp)** on beautiful Penobscot Bay, 338-3029. July 3rd thru Aug. 21. Pres. Raymond Drinkwater, PO Box 135, Camden, 04843.

**PORTLAND-Portland Spiritualist Church,**
180 Sawyer St., So. Portland, 04106. Serv. Sun. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Ruth Estes, Pres.; 7 Jackson St., So. Portland, 04106. Sec'y. Mrs. Thomas (Agnes) Haldane, Rocky Dundee Rd., West Buxton, 04093 (207) 727-3850.

## MARYLAND

**BALTIMORE-Sanctuary of Truth, Spiritualist,**
Y.W.C.A., Room 108, Park Ave. and Franklin St. Sun. Serv., Healing 2:15 p.m.; Lecture and messages- 3:00 p.m.; Pres. Mrs. Marie Gorsuch, 2302 Penn. Ave., 21217. Sec'y. Mrs. Roberta Miller, 210 Forest Spring Ln., 21228.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ASSOCIATION of SPIRITUALISTS** Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, Pres., 28 Riverside St., Danvers, 01923. Mrs. Muriel Karolides, Sec'y. 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923. (617) 774-2753.

**BOSTON-First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society**
40 West St., Quincy, 02169. Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lawrence T. Hilton Jr., Pres. 253 N. Central Ave., Quincy. 02170. (617) 471-9027. Mrs. Phyllis Hilton, Sec'y.

**BROCKTON—First Spiritualist Church**
54 Glenwood St. PO Box 1424, 02403. Sun. serv. 3:00 p.m., Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St. 02402. 587-5107; Sec'y. Ruth M. Dyer, 500 Allen St., New Bedford, 02740 (617) 996-4724.

**METHUEN—The Church of Spiritual Life,**
Red Men's Hall, 9 Center St. 01844. Sun. Serv. Healing 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:30-12 noon, Pastor & Pres. Mr. James H. Henderson, 46 Westland St., 01844. (716) 686-4212. Sec'y. Mrs. Martha Henderson. Same address as above.

**NEWBURYPORT—First Spiritualist Church,**
YMCA Civic Center, State St., Sun. Serv. 3:15 to 5:00 p.m., Pastor & Pres. Mrs. Norma Sargent, 14 Beacon Ave., Sec'y. Mrs. Elinore Griswold, PO Box 661, 01950, (617) 465-5983. Open from Sept. 9-May 27.

**ONSET-First Spiritualist Church,**
Highland Ave. Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Wed. class 8:00 p.m.; Rev. Kenneth & Rev. Gladys Custance - Co-Pastors; Sec'y. Mrs. Eleanor Creamer, Highland Ave., 02558, (617) 295-1085.

**PLYMOUTH—Plymouth Spiritualist Church**
131 Standish Ave., N. Plymouth, 02360. Sun. Healing & Serv. 2-3:30 p.m. Pastor Irene Vitello, 66 Long Pond Rd. Box 39, RFD 6, 02360, (617) 224-8464; Sec'y. Kathryn Cameron, 11 Center Hill Rd., Kingston, 02364, (617) 585-6982.

**SALEM-First Spiritualist Church,**
34 Warren St., Sun. 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 2:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers; Sec'y. Virginia Beesley, 261 Elliott St., Beverly, 01915. 774-2559.

**SPRINGFIELD-First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,**
33-37 Bliss St., 01105 (413) 732-1234. Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Arthur H. Cosby; Pastor, Lillian Esposito; Sec'y. Alma Cosby, Box 348, Warren, 01083; Medium Sec'y. Alyce Andrews, 53 Burns Ave., 01119, (413) 782-4584.

**SWAMPSCOTT-Swampscott Church of Spiritualism,** Unitarian Univer. Church, 61 Burrill St., Sun. Lyceum & Church Serv. 6:45 p.m.; Pastor Mrs. Mary Maguire, 26 Emerson St., Peabody, 01960; Sec'y. Treva Anderson, 10 Damon St., North Reading, 01864, (617) 664-2777.

## MICHIGAN

**MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES,** Pres. Rev. Norma W. McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd, Jackson, 49203; Sec'y. Rev. Goldie Dodd, 89 Delaware Ave, Detroit, 48202 (313) 875-3787.

**BAY SHORE—Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,**
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31. Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sept-Nov & April-May. Pres. James Golden Box 370A, Charlevoix, 49720; Pastor Rev. Elsie Beesley; Sec'y. Ralph Cheney, Box 370C R 3 Charlevoix, 49720, (616) 347-3899.

**BAY SHORE-Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,** 1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31. Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. June-Sept. Pres. James Golden, R.R. 3 Box 370A, Charlevoix, 49720; Sec'y. Travadon Golden, address same as above.

**LESLIE-Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,**
West Bellevue at High St., Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Conductor Jeanette Hatch; Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres. Donald Weichner, 130 W. Main, Rives Jct. 49227; Pastor Gary Sarut; Sec'y. Joanne Sarut, 209 Mechanic St, Horton, 49246

**PONTIAC—First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.**
576 Orchard Lake Rd., 48056. Sun. serv. 7:30 p.m. Pres. Al Foster, 3825 Newark, Metamora, 48455; Sec'y. Rev. Catherine Welch, 1265 Lochaven Rd., Union Lake, 48085, 682-5485.

**ROYAL OAK-First Spiritualist Temple,**
114 Pingree Blvd. 48067 Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m. Church serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Pres. Betty Witt, 32721 Palmer, Madison Heights, 48071; Sec'y. Marilyn G. Beesley, 29455 Woodhaven, Southfield, 48076, 356-8515.

## MINNESOTA

**DULUTH—First Spiritualist Church,**
1414 E. 9th St. Sun. Ser. 11:00 a.m. Rev. F. W. Hutchinson, Pastor, 29 E. Toledo St., Pres. June M. Johnson; Sec'y. Helga Ragan, 31 Willard Rd., 55803.

**MINNEAPOLIS-Second Spiritualist Church,**
2300 Lyndale Ave. N., Sun. Ser. 3:00 p.m. Healing 4:30 p.m., Coffee hour 5:00 p.m., Lyceum circle 6:00 p.m., Secy. Chrissy Olsen, 3253 31st Ave. So., 55406.

## MISSOURI

**KANSAS CITY—Ninth Spiritualist Church**
2301 Van Brunt Blvd. 64127. Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Harry Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138; Sec'y. Loreen Morgan, 836 W. Gregory, 64114, 523-3894.

**KANSAS CITY-The Light of the World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.** 5112 E. 27th St., 64127. Devotional Serv. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Mess. Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Co-Pastors, Rev. Mollie Foreman, NST, 2825 Denver, (816) 923-2125; & Mrs. Cleo Miller 16206 S. First St. Independence.

**ST. LOUIS-Fifth Spiritualist Church,**
6026 S. Kingshighway, 63109. Sun. Lyceum, 9:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mrs. Esther Dwyer, above address.

## NEBRASKA

**OMAHA-Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, N.S.A.C.** 321 Hascall on S. 4th St. Serv. Sun. 1:00 p.m. Class Sun. noon Pres. Virginia Jansa, 428 Valley St., 68108. Pastor & Sec'y. Alace Fanslau, 321 Hascall, 68108. (402) 345-8042.

## NEW JERSEY

**NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION,**
Vice Pres. Miss Mary Pat Kelly, 793 11th Ave., Paterson. Sec'y. Mrs. Michelle Yacco, 12 Hillside Rd., Kinnelon, NJ 07405.

**CAMDEN—Fourth Spiritualist Church,**
28 N. 26 St., Sun. Ser. 11:00 a.m. Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, Pastor 350 W. Graisbury Ave., Audubon, 08106; Sec'y. Gerry Moser, 422 Sloan Ave., Collingwood, 08107, (609) 585-2532.

**CLIFTON-National Church of Modern Spiritualism** 139 LakeView Ave. 07011. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Healing, lecture, message service. Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Healing & all message serv. Pastor & Sec'y. Rev. Diane Trombino, 793 11th Ave, Paterson, 07514 (201) 345-0755.

**PATERSON-First Spiritualist Church,**
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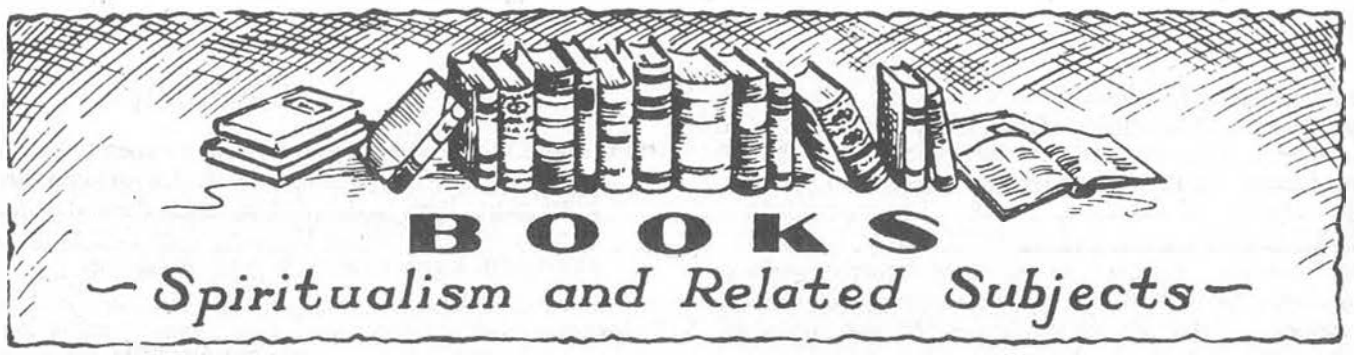
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# History Remembers

*As the pages of the past accumulate, important events sometimes appear small and go unnoticed save for an entry in some diary. At the 93rd Annual Convention of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association Heritage meeting, Francis D. Owens, association president, took the time to remember for all of us. TNS has chosen part of his presentation to serve all of its readers.*

Mere recording of facts, laborious and necessary though it may be, gives nothing but the flesh of history. Arrangement into chronological sequence affords some insight into its skeletal structure

There are no written records showing where the first meeting was held for making the original agreement, preamble and resolution to the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association.

The first group within the state association to hold meetings met in Willimantic, which started soon after the 1848 Hydesville rappings were heard. Many of the C.S.S.A. board members were lawyers and business people with integrity and dedication. They represented the pillars of the C.S.S.A. which was organized March 31, 1887.

On August 13, 1893, three separate meetings were held at the Niantic Camp Grounds to make plans for collecting money to send a delegate to the N.S.A.C. Chicago convention. "Solicitors" requested donations for a very worthy cause. During those meetings they raised $47.35. Mr. E. C. Bingham, President of the association, was elected to attend the convention as the first delegate from Connecticut. He traveled by train, and was gone five days. He paid all of his expenses and returned home with 34 cents! Bingham refunded this to the association and received a receipt marked, "convention refund."

At the first C.S.S.A. convention, a ruling on membership was adopted. It read, "That any person may become a member of the society by subscribing their names to the preamble and resolutions. They will pay to the treasurer yearly in advance the sum of $1.00 or 50 cents or 25 cents, whichever will be acceptable according to the ability or interest of any person joining the society." Many were accepted and many rejected.

There were no churches, societies or auxiliaries then, so everyone became a member of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association. Many people from all over the state and adjoining states joined. Judge Edmonds from New York state became a famous man in the movement.

Only one copy of the original Constitution and By-Laws remains. It is written on one piece of paper, size 4x8 inches. Over the years many changes have been made. Today every member has been issued a neatly printed set of By-Laws which are also used by the churches.

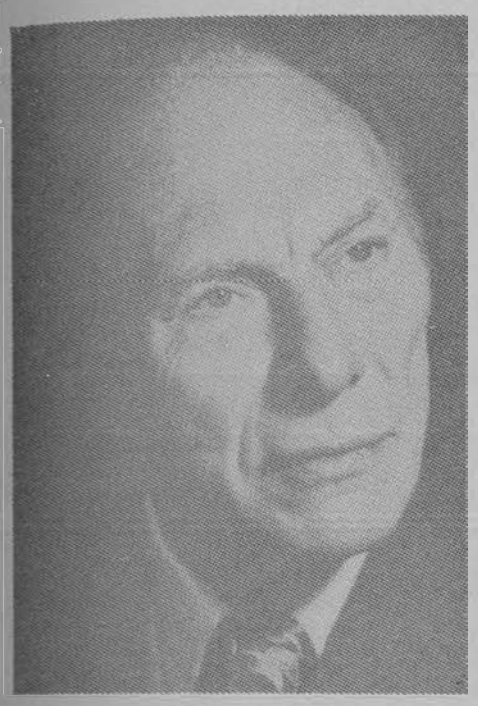
Francis H. Spalding was the first name brought before the C.S.S.A. board for ordination in 1912. The state association conducted all of the procedures for ordination and mediumship. This is now conducted under the auspices of the N.S.A.C. Since that first application, 75 mediums have been certified. Ten have been expelled for failure to abide by the rules and two were disbarred.

The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association owes a debt of gratitute to Timothy Drake. This man willed his home and farmland in Hartford to be used for the building of a new church. Timothy Drake believed in the Spiritualists and what they represented. The largest source of equity came to the C.S.S.A. by Mr. Drake's will. The will was contested by a member of the family. The request was appealed and a compromise settlement made with the heir. This was the brightest day in the history of this association. There are records of one or two others leaving small sums of money also. These too are a part of our history. *by Francis D. Owens*

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